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To illume out the humble way
To where our Lord was born,
And change earth's twilight, cold and gray
To spiritual morn.

Rejoice, my soul, and know
That Christ is born anew;
His grace now mercies daily show,
His works our work imbue
And to the world his words assign
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"Merry Christmas!"—ring it out,
All ye happy festal bells,
Through the sweet magnolia groves,
Frozen moors, or snow heaped fells.
Carols rise and yule fires glow
Sprays of silver mistletoe
Shine from out the dark green glim.
Yule tide peace and joy be thine!

"Blessed Christmas"—ring it out,
All ye tuneful festal bells,
Unto cheerless hearts, wherein
Nor their hope nor gladness dwells.
Heaven smile and stars shine out
All our yule decked homes about
Angels stand within the door—
Christmas tide is come once more.

—Helen Chase.

CHRIST IS BORN!

THE MERRITT MATTER.

HOW HELEN BLAKE BROUGHT ABOUT A CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION

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"I WONDER what you'll be like at my age," said William Merritt angrily to his son Albert one day memorable in the lives of both.

William Merritt was what the people called "a hard man to get along with." He was hard, just, sincere and sober. He began mature life as a flatboat captain and finished his training as sheriff of an Indiana county. A born ruler at 50 years of age he knew absolutely nothing of any methods save stern command and force ready for instant application. To this he added a habit of perpetual fault finding.

He had been going over the hoary harangue, with which some old people have insulted young ones since the days of Homer about the good boys and the industrious young men of his early life and the degenerate sons of these days, when Albert's satirical humor rose.

"You're mighty little account now," said the father. "What'll you be at my age?"

"I suppose," said Albert, unconsciously imitating his father's sneer, "I'll do like other old men—sit and tell lies about the big things I did when I was a boy."

It was one of those insults which some men consider "the first blow," and the second fell promptly. Raising his broad, right hand, and foaming with rage, the father brought it down flat across the son's mouth. The blood flow from Albert's nose as he staggered back. He rallied, gazed an instant on the father, then turned away with clinched teeth and set purpose.

He sought his confidant, Sam McCorkle, the drunken shoemaker's boy near by, who was of the same age as Albert, but knew fifty times as much of the tricks and devices of the oppressed. At 10 years Sam was an expert in evasive tricks, at 13 he was simply a prodigy.

These two had met and conferred often—the sad, cynical skeptic, whose father was among the well-to-do farmers of the community, and the finished truant, whose father was the outcast; they often laid out wonderful plans of life in distant regions, but soon a fair young face rose before Albert Merritt's eyes, and he could not make up his mind to go. It was the face of Helen Blake, only a few years before his schoolmate. But now Albert was resolved. If Helen thought of him as often as he did of her, she would wait for him to return, and if she were worth the winning she would respect him more for leaving the discomforts of his present life. Thus he reasoned.

Late that night two lads with small bundles might have been seen, but took care not to be, on the river road, and it was soon known to all the community that they had left the place.

Of farewells the boys had said none.

Albert had indeed written a brief note to his mother, in which he had bidden her a good-by full of clumsily worded tenderness, and another to Helen, which he had formally begun "Miss Helen Blake," and in which he had as formally expressed the hope that, though absent perhaps for years, he would not be forgotten. These epistles he took with him in his flight, and a day or two later entrusted them to Sam McCorkle to post, but that individual, fearful that the route of departure would be guessed by the postmark, calmly destroyed them, although he solemnly declared to Albert that he had deposited them in the postoffice of a considerable town through which they journeyed. And so the two boys were quite cut off from the old world of semi-servitude.

That a father should be sorry for the flight of a son is but natural, that he should, while a spark of pride or anger remains, tell any one of his sorrow would be contrary to all recorded precedents in such cases. William Merritt was not the man to violate precedents of discipline. He bad himself stiffly, waved away the subject complacently, and said when he spoke at all—"Oh, he'll soon get sick of his fun—he'll be glad enough to come back." But late summer yielded to autumn, and autumn gave place to winter, and a sad Christmas day had come, for Albert Merritt had made no sign.

When Helen Blake was told that Albert Merritt was a "runaway boy" she merely said, "Ah, indeed," and bent very low over her work, but she knew why he had gone—knew it, indeed, about as well as he did.

Ere long she and Mrs. Merritt seemed to have a good deal to say to each other. They seldom if ever mentioned Albert, but it always seemed that the mother was more cheerful after a visit from Helen. In her own despondent heart the mother said "He will never come back, he is too much like his father," a favorite delusion with mothers, by the way. And so, on this and Christmas day, the two sorrowful women exchanged deep sympathies without exchanging a word on the subject nearest their hearts, and the mother felt that night as if volumes had been spoken on the subject, when in fact it had not been mentioned. And thereafter Helen came oftener and oftener, and somehow after each visit the mother felt an assurance that all would be right, and felt it just the same whether Albert's name was mentioned or not.

Now after the first shock was passed, Helen Blake never felt a doubt in her bosom that she would in good time receive some word from Albert Merritt, and she would have risked much on her conviction that she would hear before either of his parents, though she could not have told you why and probably would not if she could, for the best farm in Jackson township. Yet she knew it all the same, and visited the Merritts often and at each visit it somehow fell out that something rather singular happened.

On one occasion she grew quite hilarious in reminiscence of a certain school exhibition, and told how the teacher had photographs of the whole class taken, a set for all, and how childish the pictures looked now, and how everybody had changed, though it was but six years ago, and then she brought out the photographs—cheap, tawdry things they were, but among them was one of a tall, fair boy, with all the glow of class leadership in his eye, and light hair curling around a bold forehead, and under it, in round boyish script, was the autograph, "Albert Merritt."

A pang shot through the father's heart, and he longed for her to talk of his boy, but she rattled on about Tom and Jennie and Mattie, and soon hastened home.

But the mother noticed that Helen "had forgotten her pictures," and so they lay on the looking glass stand for many a day, where the father often saw the presentment of his boy, but he never touched it, and they lay there till Helen came again.

This time she brought a "story paper" for Mrs. Merritt, saying that the main story in it had interested her very much, and after she was gone William Merritt picked it up and pished and pshawed and ridiculed the pictures, but he read the story. It was a commonplace novelette of a son, who had fled from a harsh father and enlisted in the Federal army and who was sick almost unto death in a southern hospital, and how in delirium he babbled of home, and how a Sister of Charity wrote to the father, who came and patiently nursed his boy back to life and love and forgiveness. A commonplace story—one of ten thousand war stories of the time—but the father's hand trembled as he read, and he rushed to the field and drove his work with unusual energy and shouted louder than ever at his team, and at night was stern and silent and solemn to a degree that surprised even his long suffering wife.

The other children would occasionally venture a reference to Albert, and now when Helen came the father would blame the run away but she only listened quietly and asked if they had ever heard of him, and turned the talk to their school days. And so two years passed away and the third Christmas came. In celebration of the day the Merritts were to be the guests of the Blakes, and when they gathered in the big room of the great farm house it happened that all the young people present were of that last day class at the head of which Albert Merritt had stood. Of course Helen Blake never thought of alluding to such a fact—"it just happened so," her parents thought—but there were plenty in a class of eight young people who could talk as fast as they could think, and usually did it, too. And so the conversation rattled on about that glorious day, and the father, whose heart was literally pounding against his ribs, and whose internal struggles were such that he could not tell whether he was eating turkey or oak chips, talked loudly and aggressively to those at his end of the table, and quite overbore Mr. Blake on politics, and finally offered to bet "the pick of his horses agin' a yearlin' calf" that his candidate for the presidency would have 500,000 majority over any man the other side could put up next year.

JUMPED TO THE GROUND

Now Helen was quite satisfied in her own mind that the little surprise had done its work, but that evening her brother brought home the weekly mail, and in it, after all her weary waiting, a little surprise for her. It was a copy of The Tekeewah (Kan.) Bugle, and great was the wonder in the family as to the why and wherefore of its coming, but Helen knew. There wasn't a mark of any kind on the printed sheet, so she set herself resolutely to read every line. Never had far western publisher in the most heated campaign a more devoted reader, and at last, in a limited article in the page headed "Local Intelligence," she found a list of members of a new fire company, and among the names was "Albert Merritt." A writer in the "County Correspondence" of the same issue of The County Democrat told of "our fair ladies who charmed the audience with their music" at a certain Christmas eve church festival, and, by request conveyed in a note enclosing the stamps, the publisher directed a copy to "A. Merritt, Esq., Tekeewah, Kan." And this sort of thing went on for eight months more, and the golden autumn set in and the country was most mightily stirred over the presidential election, and the Blakes and the Merritts began to look forward with strangely mingled feelings to another Christmas.

William Merritt was the same and yet not the same. His hair, which was just streaked with gray when his son Albert had left him, was now whitening visibly. His broad, burly shoulders had begun to stoop. His hard eyes had lost somewhat of their steadiness, and occasionally there were lines denoting mental pain visible in his austere countenance. His voice, too, sometimes quavered in a way that astonished no one more than himself. And one day just after the sorrel colt—a wild, vicious beast, he was breaking to the saddle—had almost thrown him on the way to town, he had caught himself audibly wishing that Albert, who must be a full grown, strong man by this time, were there to help subjugate the animal.

"CAN'T WE GET ALBERT BACK?"

And so when Helen next paid the Merritt homestead a visit she found the fortress of the old man's heart ready to yield. She had the day before received a copy of The Tekeewah Bugle, in which she found the following paragraph half way down a crudely written account of a fire in that enterprising town:

"We should utterly fail in our duty to our readers if we omitted to take more than passing note of the heroic conduct of one of our young townsmen, a prominent and efficient member of Avalanche Engine company No. 1. Of course we refer to Mr. Albert Merritt, than whom a braver man never drew breath. No sooner had it become known that a child was in the burning building than, at the risk of his own life, Mr. Merritt rushed into the smoke and flames, dashed up the stairs almost at a bound, and groping about in the stifling heat, found the infant, fought his way through the fire to the window, for by this time the stairway was burning, and jumped to the ground with his precious burden safe on his arms. He was greeted with such a cheer as only Tekeewah throats can give. We regret to be obliged to add that Mr. Merritt suffered a painful, though not necessarily dangerous, injury in the breaking of an arm which was struck by a falling timber. He was also rather severely burned. It is hoped, however that he will soon be himself again."

This paper Helen brought with her but carefully hidden. She had determined, if need be, to show it to the stern father, but she proposed to hold it for the last resort. But her manner (for, though ordinarily calm, she was now much excited) betrayed her, and as soon as William Merritt looked into her face he knew that she knew something of Albert, and her unwonted agitation, as he gazed fixedly at her, convinced him that something was amiss with his son. Mrs. Merritt was about to speak when her husband interrupted her in strained, quivering tones:

"Helen Blake," he said, "is Albert dead! Tell me the truth!"

There was a world of paternal love in the old man's voice now. But for a moment Helen said nothing, for she felt that were she to speak she would instantly and completely lose her self control. So with a deprecatory gesture and a white face she walked to the window to compose herself, while the father and mother waited in suspense. After a little she turned again to them, and, with a reassuring look toward Mrs. Blake, who sat with clasped hands and parted lips, she took the paper from her pocket.

"I would like to read to you an article from The Tekeewah (Kansas) Bugle," she said, in as steady a voice as she could command. And then she read the account of the fire, from headlines to dash, without a break, and without looking up. When she had done she raised her eyes. Mrs. Blake was crying quietly and the old man was quite broken down.

"Helen," he said, reaching out both hands to the girl, "it's no use. I can't be a hard-ended old fool no longer. Can't we get Albert back here with us? Hadn't I better go out to Kansas and get him? Poor boy, may be he's hurt worse than it says." And then the old man let the tears flow unconcealed.

That night a letter was mailed to Tekeewah, Kan. It was written by Helen, though unsigned, and here is a copy:

Mr. Albert Merritt.

The account of the recent fire in Tekeewah and the bravery displayed by yourself on that occasion has worked a great change of opinion in certain quarters, a change which would have come soon, however, in the natural course of things. Your father is very much broken and anxious to see you.

A FRIEND.

When Albert Merritt received this letter he was convalescent, lying on the bed of the best room in the Tekeewah tavern, while Sam McCorkle was standing in the center of the floor telling some admiring friends for the thousandth time how "my pard here saved that gal baby." "I tell you," he said, "it takes the boys from old Indianny to do things. Now, I mind me one time before I came west of how little Jimmy Jones fell into the river, 'n' I jumped right in without stopping to peel a bit"—— And then he reeled off a wholly imaginary yarn of his own bravery, while Albert smiled and the rest listened open mouthed. When Albert had read his letter he said, quietly:

"Sam, I'm going home for Christmas. I shall start as soon as I can do it safely."

Sam was astounded, but he did not remonstrate, and finally concluded to go, too, "just to take care of Al," he explained to the boys. But secretly he was glad of the excuse.

The next issue of The Tekeewah Bugle contained this paragraph:

"Our well known townsman, Mr. Albert Merritt, is about to visit his old home in Indiana, where he will probably spend the holidays. He is very nearly well of the injuries sustained at the recent fire. He will be accompanied by his fast friend, Mr. Sam McCorkle, the well known lightning rod agent."

The stage was due to pass William Merritt's house at 4 30 o'clock on Christmas eve, but the roads were bad and it was quite dark when, with a sweeping curve, it swerved to the side of the pike and stopped in front of the house, in the open front doorway of which, in strong silhouette against the flood of light within, stood the burly form of William Merritt, his hands outstretched with trembling hopefulness.

"Come along, Sam," said one of the young men who dismounted from the back seat of the high stage, "I need you yet."

There was a cry, in which recognition, welcome and forgiveness were all blended from the figure in the doorway, and an answer from the tallor of the travelers, who still carried one arm in a sling. And a moment later William Merritt led this one into his house.

"Mother," he said, "our boy has come back."

In the ecstatic joy of meeting his mother, Albert had forgotten Sam McCorkle, and when he looked for him that individual had disappeared. As he afterward explained, he "didn't feel like he was any use when folks was all a-cryin' and a-weepin' and fallin' on each other's necks, so he just sloped."

But Albert did not look for Sam very long. He had much to tell of his new life in the west, where he had been fairly successful, and his father and mother and brothers and sisters had quite as much to tell him.

THERE WAS A CRY

The next day there was such a Christmas gathering at William Merritt's house as had never been there before. Such roast turkey with cranberry sauce, and such juicy mince pies, and such mealy potatoes, and such fine, white home made bread, and such good things to eat generally as they who sat down at the dinner table partook of have never been excelled. All; the Blakes were there, and so were all the members of that class of eight, whose photographs were the first weapon Helen had employed in storming William Merritt's flinty old heart.

And Sam McCorkle, too, the drunken shoemaker's son, full of far western dash and historian of the time "Al rescued the baby." He was "Mr. McCorkle," an honored guest, and no one received greater respect than he. But he did not rise to the height of his glory till evening, for at the dinner table Albert would not suffer his own praises to be sung in too high a key. But when Albert, seeming to have something particular to say to Helen, whose great, brown eyes sparkled unwontedly and whose cheeks persisted in blushing furiously, led her away with him into a quiet corner and left the field to Sam, that individual chanted his hero's deeds to his heart's content and everybody else's delight, though he did not let slip the opportunities to tell of some things he had himself accomplished in the west.

The close of this veracious history may be clipped from The Tekeewah Bugle of March 15, 1869:

"Mr. Samuel McCorkle, the gentlemanly and enterprising agent for Flash & Hittem's justly celebrated lightning rods, has returned from Indiana healthy and happy. His friend and our former townsman, Mr. Albert Merritt, has concluded to remain east, where he will settle down upon his father's extensive farms. A little bird has whispered that the blind god had something to do with Mr. Merritt's decision to forego a share in the golden future sure to come to Tekeewah. Those who are curious in this matter are directed to the notice in the marriage column on another page headed Merritt-Blake.' '

HENRY DAWSON.

A HUMBLE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

There was not very much on the table—in fact, it wasn't very much of a table, being made of a dry goods box stood on its side. The room belonged to the grocer, but he had told them they could have the use of it for Christmas night. In the corner there was a little, cracked stove, which was so hot that it shone like a big lump of Christmas cheer in the semi-darkness.

Pretty soon "Swipesy" came in out of the roar of the city street. He had a few unsold papers under one arm and a small—a very small—bundle under the other. With him was his sister Suze. They were orphans trying to make their own way. She had had good luck and had sold all her papers. She took what was left of Swipesy's stock and spread a nice clean paper over the dry goods box. Then he unrolled his bundle.

"Oh, Swipesy!" said the girl.

There was a can of cooked corn beef and a little box of figs.

Pretty soon the others began to come in. There was "Mickey" with a little packet of coffee, some sugar, and (what luck!) some cabbage that the apple woman on the corner had cooked and given him with big tears in her honest, Irish eyes when he told her about the dinner.

"It ain't much, Mickey," she said, "but may the good saints make it taste as relishin' as if 'twas as big as a barn and cooked in a gowld skillet."

There were five charter members of the dinner party, so to speak. "Rocks" (so named from his manner of defending himself in his frequent "scraps") came into the room next. He too had a little bundle which was undone with due ceremony. When "Piper" came in he stopped a minute just inside the threshold, and held the door open while he beckoned to some one on the outside.

"C'mon in," said he. "The fellers 'll be glad ter see yer."

Then there entered a little fellow not more than 6 years old. He was very much embarrassed, and held his finger to his lips. Piper, by way of introduction, said:

"Fellers—and Suze—this 'ere little cove" (Piper himself was a big cove, having seen thirteen years, and being the oldest member of the dinner party) "is comin' to our Crismus. He's just gone into the paper sellin' biz, an' he ain't got no boodle. I'm a takin' care o' him till he gits started. See?"

For a minute an embarrassed silence hung over the little group. Then the little people opened their hearts to the newcomer (and they were big hearts for such very small bodies), and he was one of the dinner party.

Piper explained to him:

"You see," said Piper, "we fellers and Suze had heard a lot 'bout Crismus. We don' know 'zac'ly what it is, but we do know that everybody, wot is anybody, has a Crismus dinner. So we jes' chipped in, and—and" (waving his hand around the room) "here y' are."

"But I ain't chipped in," said the newcomer.

"Well, wot if y' ain't. Y' can nex' time." So that was settled.

Suze in the meantime had produced a pail from somewhere, and an old stew pan from somewhere else, and some broken crockery from still another place.

"You'll make the coffee and warrm the cabbage and meat, darlint," said Mickey. "You are the only woman here."

So Suze went at it.

It wasn't long before everything was ready, and they gathered around the box. The savory odor from the coffee pot and stew pan had tickled the twelve little nostrils, and the six mouths were as eager to taste the poor little dinner as ever yours was to pick your succulent Christmas turkey bones.

They fell to at once.

"I'm 'fraid the coffee ain't very good," said Suze. But she smiled the satisfied smile that every housewife smiles while decrying her own dainties, and was as pleased as you ever were, my fine lady, in similar circumstances, when Rocks exclaimed in answer:

"Finer'n Delmonico's, I'll bet."

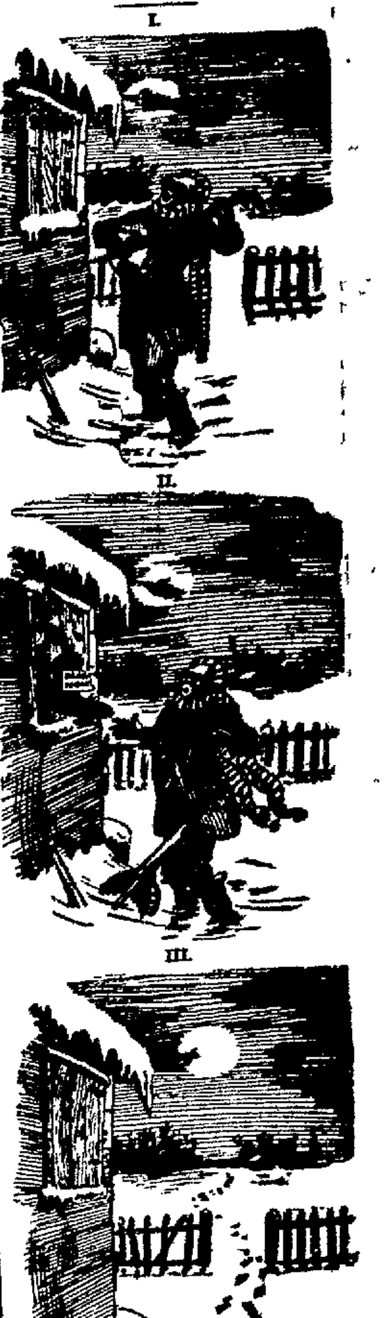
Before very long the dinner had been eaten. They sat around and talked a little awhile, and the little 6-year-old fell asleep with his head on Suze's knees, and her fingers passed lovingly over the little fellow's dirty forehead, and by-and-by she leaned over and kissed him.

The tallow candle burned low in its green bottle candlestick, and when Piper rose and queried:

"Well, fellers—and Suze—has we had a merry Crismus?" A fervent "You bet!" went from the mouths of every one but the 6-year-old, and he smiled in his sleep.

The dinner party was over. D. E. M.

A CHRISTMAS SERENADE.



—Judge.

Christmas Trees.

It may seem surprising, but it is nevertheless true, that the cutting of evergreens for Christmas trees is doing serious damage to the forests in some sections. This wholesale destruction of valuable young trees is becoming painfully apparent in the gradual wiping out of woodland in some of the most picturesque portions of the Catskill and Adirondack mountains, and many of the trout streams are drying up. Even small forests help to serve as reservoirs to water, for under the trees the ground is apt to be less spongy, thereby retaining for a time water from rainfalls, and later on allowing it to escape in tiny rivulets as feeders to brooks, big and small.

Confidence.

Tramp (to little Willie, who has opened the door)—Have yer had yer Christmas dinner yet little boy?

Little Willie—No, we're just going to eat it now.

Tramp—Then perhaps, if I wait around, I can get some of the eatables left over.

Little Willie (feeling of his stomach)—There ain't going to be anything left.

An Awful Possibility.

Little Emma—Mover, won't we see Tris Tingle agin afore next Tris'mas?

"No, dear."

"Umhe. Mebby he might dit sick and die afore nen, an' nen we'd be in a bad fix."—Kentucky State Journal.

Would Catch Up.

Customer (in restaurant)—You may bring me for my Christmas dinner, waiter, a nice cut of turkey, to be followed by a piece of mince pie.

Waiter—Yessir. Will you have cheese also, sir?

Customer—Yes; you can let the cheese follow the pie.

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits and that any druggist is authorized by the proprietor of this wonderful remedy to give you a sample bottle free? It never fails to cure acute or chronic coughs. All druggists sell Kemp's Balsam. Large Bottles 50 cents and $1.

—Drop in to Carter's at Eldred for a handsome parlor suit or fancy chair for a Christmas present. His prices are always right, and he has a large stock to select from. Free delivery of all goods.

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Smethport, Pa., Dec. 20, 1889.

Six hundred delegates to the National W. C. T. U. put up at the Palmer House, Chicago, a hotel with a bar attachment. Their action is severely censured in some quarters.

The Philadelphia *Record* Almanac is the handsomest and most valuable periodical of its character ever issued by that great publishing house. One of its most interesting features is the several views of the terrible Johnstown disaster and the effects of the September cyclone along the Atlantic coast.

Senator Ingalls has joined the rapidly increasing number of Congressmen who believe the present civil service law to be a delusion and a snare, and that the humbug should be wiped out of existence. Two-thirds of Congress express the same belief privately, and it begins to look as though the time was soon coming when they will do so publicly.

The celebrated murder trial which has occupied the time of the criminal Court of Chicago for months past, where five men were being tried for killing Dr. Cronin, came to an end on Monday afternoon of this week by the jury finding the following verdicts:

John F. Beggs, acquitted as charged in the indictment.

John Kunze, guilty of manslaughter, three years in the penitentiary.

Patrick O'Sullivan, Daniel Coughlin and Martin Burke, guilty of murder, imprisonment for life.

The smallest, simplest and best protected postoffice in the world is in the strait of Magellan and has been there for many years. It consists of a small keg or cask and is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape, in the straits opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. The postoffice is self acting and unprovided with a postmaster and is, therefore under the protection of all the navies of the world. There is no contest for the postmastership.

Prominent prohibitionists are making a fight on the confirmation by the Senate of the nomination of Justice Brewer, because he took the ground in a legal decision that the owners of certain breweries in Kansas were entitled to compensation from the State for their property which was rendered useless by the adoption of the prohibitory liquor law. The decision was afterward reversed by the U S Supreme Court. Judge Brewer is himself a prohibitionist, and it seems a little strange that the only opposition to his confirmation should come from the prohibitionists.

In referring to the death of Mr. Gowen the New York Press says: "He was a man of enthusiastic friendships, and his enemies were as bitter as his friends were loyal, but even his enemies paid the highest tribute to his winning, wondrous eloquence. One of them said that he had seen [illegible] Mr. Gowen [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] won over half an hour sooner. The compliment had its sting, but that was undeserved, for Franklin B. Gowen was an honorable, manly, large-hearted Christian gentleman as well as a great advocate, and believed with all his soul whatsoever he told others."

It takes a prodigious amount of vegetable matter to form a layer of coal, it being estimated that the present growth of the world would make a layer less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness, and that it would take a million years of vegetable growths to form a coal bed 10 feet in thickness. The United States has an area of more than 140,000 square miles of coal fields, and more than 100,000,000 tons of coal were mined in this country last year, enough to run a ring around the earth at the centre five and one-half feet wide and five and one-half feet thick. Competent scientists say there is enough coal in the United States to supply the world for the next 2,000 years.—*Scientific American.*

DR. HIGBEE DEAD.

Dr. E. E. Higbee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who was stricken with paralysis at Mifflintown, Pa., on Tuesday afternoon of last week, died at his home in Lancaster on Friday morning at one o'clock.

Dr. Higbee was born in Burlington, Vt., March 27, 1830. When quite young he entered the University of Vermont, declining an appointment to the West Point Academy, and soon distinguished himself for his ability, graduating with honor in 1849. He went to Emmittsburg, Md., soon after graduating and engaged in teaching school. While in Emmittsburg his mind was turned to the Christian ministry, and he soon after entered the theological seminary of the German Reformed Church, then at Mercersburg. He was licensed to preach the gospel in May, 1854. In 1855 he was united with the Congregational Association of Vermont, and labored at Bethel, in that State. In 1859 he accepted a call to the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, and at the same time served as Professor of Languages in Heidelberg College, located at that place.

In 1862 he took charge of Grace Church, Pittsburg, where his sermons attracted much attention. In 1864, while Dr. Schaff was on a visit to Europe, he was appointed by the Board of Visitors Professor of Church History and Exegesis at Mercersburg, and so satisfactorily did he perform the duties that when Dr. Schaff resigned the chair in 1865, the Synod of Lewisburg unanimously elected him to fill the place permanently. Dr. Higbee continued his connection with the Seminary until its removal to Lancaster in 1871, when he resigned and took the Presidency of Mercersburg College, where he labored until 1881, when he was appointed by Governor Henry M. Hoyt to the Superintendency of Public Instruction, being subsequently re-appointed in 1885 by Governor Pattison and in 1889 by Governor Beaver.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN DEAD.

The most startling and incomprehensible suicide that ever occurred in this country, was that of Hon F. B. Gowen, at Wormley's hotel in the city of Washington on Friday night of last week. The last seen of him before his dead body was discovered was at lunch in the dining room at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when he was in excellent spirits and had no appearance of being in trouble. Soon after he repaired to his room. Early in the evening and again in the morning the chambermaid wanted to go into the room but found the door locked. About noon she went to the door again and this time finding it still locked became alarmed and informed Mr. Wormley, proprietor of the hotel, of the condition of affairs. Mr. Wormley immediately made an investigation and getting a chair to stand on he looked through the transom, when a horrible sight met his gaze. Lying on the floor of the room was the dead body of Mr. Gowen and beside his knee lay a pistol of small calibre. Persons who saw the body were not able to tell just how long he had been dead.

Mr. Gowen was several years President of the Reading R. R. Co., was one of the ablest members of the Constitutional Convention of 1873, as a great lawyer had few peers in this country, and in fact was one of the most brilliant, and in many respects one of the most remarkable men the country ever produced. What impelled him to self destruction his most intimate friends cannot conceive. He was something past fifty years of age and in the full vigor of health and intellectual power. He is said to have been worth in the neighborhood of $400,000, and his domestic and social relations were of the happiest. His most intimate friends cannot believe that he took his own life, but the evidence that he did is overwhelming. As an eastern exchange says: "Some shadow fell across his path unseen by those who walked with him in daily life, and in a rash moment reason lost its sway."

But some of his intimate friends do not believe he was insane. John G. Johnson, one the foremost lawyers of Philadelphia, and many years counsel for the Reading R. R. Co. while Mr. Gowen was President, in an interview with a Philadelphia *Inquirer* reporter expresses the belief that "he must have been actuated by some sudden and tremendous motive. He must have gone out and purchased a revolver under that influence. He was the last man in the world who would lose control of himself. There can be no thought that he was insane." In the same interview Mr. Johnson refers to their recent visit to Smethport, when they were opposing counsel in the great Kane ejectment suit, as follows: "Only one month ago he and I were opposing counsel in an oil land ejectment at Smethport, Pa. There we spent a week together, stopped at the same hotel, walked together, talked together, dined together, and I had every chance to observe him. The only thing that I noticed was that he seemed more sedate, he was not as apt to retort sharply, but he was just as clear as ever in his arguments. He appeared to me to have only the additional sedateness of four or five years."

PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MEMORIAL HOME.

Senator A. F. Thompson, of Dauphin county was unanimously elected as President of the Memorial Home Association of Pennsylvania, on the 2d of November. At our request Mrs. Morrison has handed us his letter of [illegible] for publication. The Senator is an old soldier and his heart is in the work. No better [illegible] could have been made [illegible] showing is the letter of acceptance:

[illegible], PA., Nov. 7, 18[illegible]

MRS. HELEN S. MORRISON,
Pres. of the W. R. C. of Pa.

DEAR MADAM: Your letter of the 2d inst. notifying me of my election to the position of President of the Board of Directors of the proposed Memorial Home Association, came duly to hand, and would have received my consideration before this time if it had not been for the fact that I have been absent from home the last three days, and now in answer permit me through you to thank the association for their expression of confidence in me in this connection.

This honor has been very unexpectedly conferred upon me, and I feel more than I can express in words my unworthiness of it. Yet I will endeavor to justify your choice by doing all in my power to make the undertaking a grand success, knowing that I will not only have the hearty cooperation of the entire board, but also that of thousands of patriotic women of our grand old commonwealth.

My earnest hope is that we will have something tangible to give in the shape of solid comfort to our worthy wards by the end of the present year, and with that end in view I will give this matter my best and earnest attention in a few days, and will then write you more fully about it. With great respect, I am, Fraternally yours

A. F. THOMPSON.

A USEFUL PRESENT.

Specht and Sasse are sole agents in this section of the County for the Crosby Invalid Bed. This is one of the most useful articles for the sick room ever invented, and it would be a most welcome christmas present to send to your sick friend. It gives comfort and ease to invalids when they are so exhausted from disease that they are obliged to be lifted from one bed to another to have it made up. It affords easy access to the body in cases of fractures, amputations, dysentery, fevers, rheumatism, &c. It is simple in construction and will not get out of order. Call and see it at their Furniture rooms on Main Street.

Holiday Excursion Tickets on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pursuant to the usual policy of aiding its patrons in the interchange of social visits during the holidays, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, this season, place on sale at all its ticket offices, excursion tickets to be sold between the various stations on the system at the rate of two cents per mile in each direction.

The holiday excursion tickets will be sold from December 21st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890, inclusive, valid for return until January 6th, 1890, inclusive.

This arrangement, however, does not apply to the sale of excursion tickets between New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, in either direction, nor between any one of the abovenamed cities and any other of those mentioned.

C. O. Johnson

Has just opened his new liquor store at No. 62 State street, Olean, N. Y., where he is always pleased to meet his friends. Orders by mail or express promptly attended to. Swedish punch a specialty. 6m.

CLERMONT CHATTINGS.

We want one more meat markets here. It will pay.

Judge Allen, of East Smethport, was here on Sunday.

Miss Kitty Butts spent Sunday with friends at Instanter.

Miss Kittie Sullivan of Olean, is here visiting, Mr. John S. Sullivan.

It's Conductor Shehan again. Mr. S. has charge of a train on the hill.

A new firm, Iverson & Farn, will start in business the first of next month.

Mrs. Leonard Koenig, of Smethport, spent Sunday here with her husband.

Mrs. Harrington spent last week visiting with Mrs. A. D. Nichols, at Olean.

Albert Nelson has laid the foundation for his building, which will be used as a billiard parlor.

Mrs. Sherman, of Portage Creek, is now stopping with Mrs. F. Chalmers, of the Bayer House.

F. Cowling, yardmaster for the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. is also to take charge of the Pennsylvania train.

W. E. Butts has now charge of the yards here at night. No better appointment could be made.

The two new sitting rooms on the first floor of the Clermont House, as now fixed up, are elegant.

Peter Martin, who has been ill and confined to his bed for several weeks, is now able to be around the house.

There is now only four families at Burning Well. The rest have removed with [illegible] to Elk county.

The new [illegible], though large, is [illegible] to be too small and a larger [illegible] will soon be built.

Mrs. S. P. Beckwith of Farmers Valley, has been spending the past two days here, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. B[illegible].

The weather we are having in this section is very hard on our lumbermen and jobbers as well as others, and we are praying for snow.

C. H. Peterson has taken a large log job from C. H. Moore that ought to put a few thousand dollars of clean cash into his pocket next spring.

George Kunsman was so unfortunate as to get his left leg between two logs that were in motion, while working in the woods, one day last week, and had it badly injured.

C. H. Moore, Jacob Amend, S. J. McKendrick, S. Bedford, Frank Hafner, J. H. Tate and John O. Seabergh attended the meeting of the Odd Fellows Hall Association, at Smethport, Wednesday.

It will be money in the pockets of some of the Pennsylvania R. R. engineers and conductors, if they don't block the Pine street crossing half an hour at a time. We will stand no more of this nonsense.

It is rumored that the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad company will run a passenger train from Clermont to Olean and return every Sunday, leaving here at 7 a. m., returning at 5. p. m. We all hope this is true.

I understand that on Sunday last a Sunday school was organized at the Union church by our worthy pastor, J. G. Hann. The following officers were elected:

Superintendent—S. Bedford.
Asst. Supt.—Mrs. Harrington.
Organist—Miss Sophia Hafner.
Asst Organist—Miss Maggie Bedford.
Treasurer—Albert Anderson.
Secretary—Miss Jennie McKendrick.
Librarian—Albert Anderson.

Now it is the duty of all parents to see that their children attend the school, and even the older people ought to attend. There will be an able corps of teachers. Everybody will be welcome. I am also requested to ask all children now having books belong to the Sunday school library to return the same next Sunday to Albert Anderson.

DOOLLY DOOLL.

ANNIN CREEK.

Mrs. Hannah Simpson is staying with her brother, Captain Kinney, on horse Run, this winter.

William Tubbs' and D. C. Winship's houses have been merely hospitals the past month, but the patients are all recovering. H. McKinney, of Two Mile, and T. Cooper, of Annin Creek, have also been very sick and not expected to live, but they are both getting well, we are glad to say, as they would be sadly missed.

G. O. Buckley and wife have just returned from a visit to his brother in Cambridge boro, Crawford Co. They were pleased with their trip and fascinated much by the place.

The Baptist people accepted Pastor Henry's resignation and his labors closed the first of October. After that time they wished to recall him, but it was too late, as notwithstanding he had invitations to visit better and easier fields, he entered into the missionary work of the association and promised the people of Norwich to [illegible] there and consequently [illegible] Annin Creek church. He has held a [illegible] Norwich school house [illegible] quite a number [illegible] New [illegible] church [illegible] two [illegible] and six baptized [illegible] at Norwich and adjoining [illegible] other hall on the Hemlock above Shingle house, where he expects to organize another church Jan 4th 1890 forty miles from Norwich. The Annin Creek church has invited Rev. J. R. Merriman, of Lewisburg, Pa., to visit and hold special revival meetings, with a view of settling with them at the close of the meetings as pastor. He is expected to be here as early as the 22d inst.

Wilson Tubbs and Mrs. Goodrich have traded lots and Wilson has moved from Turtle Point to Annin creek.

Dell Strait is building a barn on the lot he bought of T. Cooper. Wilson Tubbs is doing the carpenter work.

Most of the farmers have their plowing done, their logs skidded, threshing and butchering done and are ready for winter. Surely this mud is tiresome.

TRICKET.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

Rev. Merriman preached in the Baptist church last Sunday, and will preach again at 11 a. m. the 22d inst.

A series of meetings are being held in the M. E. Church by the pastor, E. S. Wilcox.

Mr Carrie Hannon has returned to her home in Olean.

Mr. Edgit, from Steuben, is visiting his son in this place.

Rev. Caterall, the Baptist minister of Port Allegany, is holding meetings in the Union church at Turtle Point. We hope he will have great success.

Bert Kizzie has recovered from his illness and expects to start for his home in Canisteo soon.

Adelbert Strait has the frame up for his new barn.

The oil excitement is increasing every day in this place.

FERN.

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This fell destroyer has brought a blight to many a promising life, and sadness to many a home circle. There is one remedial agent that will assist nature in throwing off this terrible disease, viz: Speer's port wine. It has been used by hundreds with wonderful success; has checked the progress of disease and brought thousands back to health. Its property is to make new blood. For sale by druggists.

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Auditors' Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa.

S. Hamlin vs. Charles Nelson.

No. 403, October Term, 1889.
E. D. 136, October Term, 1889.
No. 414, October Term, 1889.
E. D. 137, October Term, 1889.
No. 415, October Term, 1889.
E. D. 139, October Term, 1889.
No. 216, October Term, 1889.
E. D. 147, October Term, 1889.

[illegible] On motion E. L. Keenan, Esq., appointed Auditor. PER CURIAM.

McKean County ss. Certified from the record.
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.
W. S. [illegible], Deputy.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment at my office, in Smethport, Pa., on the [illegible] day of January, 1890, at 10 o'clock, a. m., where all parties interested may appear or be forever debarred from sharing in the distribution of the fund.

Dec. 20—4t. E. L. KEENAN, Auditor.

For Sale.

A THREE AND-A-HALF YEAR OLD bald-faced Percheron Colt. Well broke. Enquire of C. K. COLEGROVE, Dec. 17, 1889.—tf. Smethport, Pa.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Stockholders of the Big Level & Kinzua Railroad Company will be held in the Magowan Building, Kane, Pa., on Monday, January 13, 1890, at 7:30 p. m.

D. T. HALL,
Dec. 20—3t. Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Stockholders of the Mount Jewett, Kinzua & Riterville Railroad Company, will be held in Magowan building, Kane, Pa., on Monday, January 13th, 1890, at 3 p. m.

HARRIET A. KANE,
Dec. 20—3t. Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Stockholders of the Big Level Railroad Company will be held in Magowan building, Kane, Pa., on Monday, January 13th, 1890, at 3.30 p. m.

Dec. 20—3t. D. T. HALL, Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Stockholders of the Mount Jewett Gas Company will be held at the Company's office, in Wetmore township, near Kane, Pa., on Monday, February 24th, 1890, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of voting for or against a proposed increase of the capital stock of said company to fifteen thousand dollars.

THOS. L. KANE, President.
HARRIET A. KANE, Secretary.
Dec. 20—9t.

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Dec. 20, 1889—1y.

Court Proclamation.

The Hon. A. G. OLMSTED President Judge of the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, quarter sessions of the peace, orphans' and court of Common Pleas for the county of McKean, has issued his precept, bearing date Friday, Dec., 13th, 1889, and to me directed, for holding a court of common pleas, at the borough of Smethport, on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1890 and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport, Dec. 13th, 1889, and in the 114th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

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T. D. N.

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MRS. T. D. NASH.
Smethport, Dec. 12, 1889.

AND NOW, NOVEMBER 25th, 1889, it is ordered that the regular term of Court of Common Pleas, Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans' Court heretofore commencing on the fourth Monday of May, in each year, and continuing two weeks, shall hereafter commence on the first Monday of June in each and every year until changed according to law and continue two weeks.

Attest: PER CURIAM.
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.

Incorporation Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said court [or a Law Judge thereof] on Friday, the 20th day of December, A. D. 1889, at 11 o'clock, under the "Corporation act of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four," and the supplements thereto, by M. W. Moffitt, David Howells, Charles Roos, Albert Peterson, W. J. Arney and others, for an intended corporation to be called "Kane Cemetery Association" the character and object of which is to maintain and manage a cemetery and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by said act and its supplements.

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MARY FAIRCHILDS, by her next friend T. G. Clark, vs. CROWELL H. FAIRCHILDS. } Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. No. 287, May Term, 1889.

I have been appointed Commissioner to take testimony on part of the Libellant in above case, and will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of G. B. McCalmont in the City of Bradford, Pa., December 27th, 1889, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 10 o'clock p. m. All interested may attend.

J. B. BARLOW,
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Stockholders' Annual Election.

TAKE NOTICE THAT A MEETING OF the Stockholders of the Smethport Water Company will be held at the general office of the company, in Smethport, McKean county, Pa., on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1890, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, for the election of Directors of said company.

ALVIN B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.
Smethport, Pa., Nov. 14, 1889—4t.

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Smethport, Pa., Dec. 20, 1889.

[illegible], Local Editor.

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[illegible] Please announce my name as a [illegible] for supervisor of Keating township, [illegible] to the decision of the Republican caucus.
HORACE STARKS.

[illegible] Please announce my name as a [illegible] for supervisor of Keating township, [illegible] to the decision of the Republican caucus.
J. H. SOWERS.

[illegible] Will you announce my name [illegible] for supervisor of Keating township [illegible] to the decision of the Republican caucus.
RICHARD GRIFFIN.
[illegible] 17th, 1889.

LOCAL AND HUMOROUS.

NEXT

If all our tears were never late,
How [illegible] we should be!
[illegible] never had to wait,
[illegible] we should be!
[illegible] would sneak away from home,
[illegible] would back when they are come,
[illegible] way at two thirds fun is,
How [illegible] we should be!
[Boston Transcript.

If [illegible] should have a name the dude,
How thankful we should be!
If [illegible] were never rude,
How [illegible] we should be!
[illegible] all our sequence bars,
[illegible] would forget to swear,
[illegible] were over there,
How thankful we should be!
—Original.

Under linen of silk is fashionable.

The human as man longs for sleigh'ng.

How do you like the original effort [illegible], above?

It will profit you to read the advertisement carefully.

A house for rent on West Main street. Apply at this office.

The schools close this afternoon for the holiday vacation.

Frank H. Converse, a great writer for young people, is dead.

Dr. and Mrs. Pierce returned from [illegible] on Wednesday.

[illegible] Hannon, Esq., of Bradford, [illegible] the hub Tuesday.

It is observed that we are having [illegible] fall weather this winter.

Lawyer E. L. Keenan and A. Kelly, [illegible] in Bradford on Monday.

"[illegible] Gas" would be an appropriate name for a budding newspaper.

S. McCarty the Main street confectioner is prepared to dish up the sweetmeats.

[illegible] Rodgers of the firm of Rodgers & [illegible], Eldred, called on us last [illegible].

A change in the B., B. & K. time table on the fourth page may be noted to [illegible] advantage.

[illegible], one of Main street's [illegible], is contemplating the erection of [illegible] building.

The New Year's eve ball to be given [illegible] Smethport Band promises to be [illegible] of the season.

A large flock of water fowls passed over this place some days ago on their way to the sunny south.

Topic of the Christmas sermon in [illegible] church next Sunday morning will be "The Double Star."

Miss Martha Archibald of Eldred, [illegible] guest of Miss Rena Richmond of [illegible] street, this week.

The attention of the borough dads is [illegible] to the bad condition of the crossing on Main and Nelson streets.

[illegible] Rodgers of East Smethport, [illegible] to the pension rolls and [illegible] an increase of pension on the 4th [illegible].

[illegible] Moses of Kendall Creek, formerly of Smethport, was shaking hands with numerous friends in town this week.

The new Presbyterian church in Mt. [illegible], is said to be a very handsome building. E. O. Erickson of Kane, was the contractor.

A woman in Montana recently sent to a firm in East Smethport for a certain [illegible] of goods that she saw advertised in [illegible] columns of this paper.

A large crowd gathered on the hill [illegible] of this borough yesterday to see the [illegible] well torpedoed. The result of the shot was barren of oil or gas.

[illegible] H. L. McCoy of this place, left for New York city last Tuesday, to attend lectures at Bellevue University. He will take a post-graduate course.

Emporium has an electric light plant. Smethport cannot indulge in such extravagance, although it would in reality be equally as cheap as natural gas.

"Man was made to mourn" and his [illegible] efforts in doing the best he can, [illegible] meet with blind ingratitude. The [illegible] are kicked around like foot-balls.

H. S. Wilson of Port Allegany, has removed his family to this place, and is preparing to start a restaurant in the [illegible] building, corner Main and Union streets.

Robert Browning, one of the greatest English poets of the age, died at his home in England on Dec. 12th. Browning's literary efforts have many American admirers.

We imagine that Kane has always been a pretty healthy community from the fact that they are just making preparations for the establishment of a cemetery.—*Kane Autograph.*

The K. O. T. M. of Mt. Jewett, will give a grand ball in that place on Christmas eve Dec. 24th. Benson Warfle and [illegible] Richards guarantee a good time to all who patronize this ball.

[illegible] Delph of Dallas City, died on [illegible] last aged 45 years. Mr. Delph was an active member of the E. A. U. and A. O. U. W., and was a well known citizen in that section of the county.

An oil well has been located on Sudin Brook, in the northern part of Norwich township, by parties from this place. A well will also be drilled on the hill just north of Smethport and in the borough limits.

A dime social will be given in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Backus building, the first Tuesday evening of each month, beginning January 7th. Refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Some of the finest oysters ever brought into Smethport can be obtained at the [illegible] street bakery. Mr. [illegible] takes great pride in his select oysters, and his confectionery department cannot be surpassed.

—The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Baptist church will be held on Christmas eve. Presents from the Christmas tree will be distributed to the members of the school after the entertainment.

—We publish a most interesting letter from the oil metropolis this week. Bradford readers will no doubt be very much pleased with this department of the paper. We propose in the future to furnish them with a letter each week.

—Gas lights are conspicuous by their absence on the streets of Smethport, these dark nights. Through the generosity of a few public spirited citizens, an occasional flickering lamp relieves the monotony of the black shades, at intervals on Main street.

—John H. Sowers and Horace Starks, two well-known citizens of Keating township announce elsewhere their candidacy for supervisor. They are both men of experience as road builders and there can be no question as to their ability to make first-class officials.

—The name of the hurrah religious sect known as the "Salvation Army," has been changed to the "Christian Crusaders." If this body still practices the profane and sacrilegious mockeries that it did a few years ago, it should be obliterated from the face of the earth.

—We have received an invitation from Commodore Linderman of the Sunday *News*, to attend the sixth annual Christmas dinner of the Bradford news boys, to be given at the Capitol restaurant. We regret our inability to attend as we know that the boys will fare sumptuously.

—F. C. Foley of Olean, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Foley reports the roads in horrible condition in the city of "culvastages," and says that business is unusually dull on that account. Such is the case throughout this entire section of country, but it is good weather for tombstone men.

—There will be Christmas exercises at the M. E. church on Christmas eve, December 24th, beginning at 7.30 p. m., after which the usual distribution of presents will take place. Any persons desiring to use the occasion for giving their family presents, are very cordially invited to do so.

—People who are under the impression that the climate of the new state of Washington is only a little less severe than that of Alaska and Greenland will find it hard to believe the stories the papers in that locality are publishing of ripe strawberries and raspberries plucked from the vines in the middle of November.

—A swindler sold a Clinton county farmer a receipt for making his wheat weigh twice as much as it ought to, and who signed a contract to divide the money gained by the extra weight with the scientific swindler. The "contract" eventually turned up as a promissory note, and the farmer paid $300 for it, and didn't advertise the matter with a brass band, either.

—Special arrangements have been made on the W. N. Y. & P. railroad, between Smethport and Olean for the accommodation of those wishing to attend the lectures composing the Olean Y. M. C. A. lecture course. Leland T. Powers is booked for January 27th. His subject will be "David Copperfield." Rev. Robert McIntyre will entertain on the evening of February 10th. To parties of ten or more the fare from Smethport to Olean and return will be $1 05.

—In accordance with the historic custom of the MINER, there will be no paper issued next week. The printers will for a brief space forget their trials, and their rest will be blissful indolence in comparison to the endless tasks that they "would rather bear than fly to others that they know not of." The muscles of the thumb that wields the unerring shears will temporarily relax, and those rotten chestnuts resurrected from the shadow of the tomb of time, will cease to haunt the patient subscriber for a period of fourteen days.

—The latest invention, fruit of Yankee ingenuity, is a machine to bake pancakes. The batter is poured into the hopper of the machine, which is placed on the table. When the time for cakes arrives, the machine, which runs by a clock spring, is started. The batter passes between two highly polished rollers, heated very hot by a spirit lamp, and the cake comes out in a nicely browned continuous roll, from which sections are cut to suit the area of a breakfast table. It is only a question of time until the hired girl will be known no more and a machine will be doing the housework.

—Some Bradford fellow is pretty sharp, but when he undertakes to correct our quotations from the immortal William, he had better read a little more about Oberon, Titania, and Puck. He is evidently ignorant of the fact that the bold and good-natured little fellow who "put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes," and who bobbed up serenely on all occasions in the "Midsummer Night's Dream," was known as "Puck," "Robin Goodfellow," and "Robin Hood," in mediæval legend. Puck himself admits in the comedy that he is the mischievous *Robin Hood*. No offense, Mr. Anonymous.

—The shock following the explosion of the three magazines belonging to the Rock Glycerine Company at North Clarendon last Sunday, was felt by a number of persons in this place. The magazines contained ten tons of the terrible explosive and the blow-up occurred at 3 a. m. No one has been found missing in the town, although the damage was great. The total loss of the explosion, the cause of which is not known, is figured at $40,000. Although Clarendon is at least forty miles distant, houses in this locality were shaken with sufficient force to awaken many sleepers, and Smethport people as a rule are not easily disturbed, having clear consciences.

—The postoffice at East Smethport was burglarized on Tuesday night. An entrance was made through a side window by cutting out a pane of glass. Postoffice order books, locks, keys, and a box of cigars were removed by the enterprising plunderers to a spot about a mile from East Smethport on the W. N. Y. & P. railroad. These articles, with the exception of the cigars, were found on Wednesday morning by a boy named Tommy Orlatt. The only gain realized by the burglars in their venture was the cigars. It was fortunately the custom of Postmistress Capehart to remove the money and other things of value from the building at night. The job is supposed to have been done by amateurs.

—The Smethport Atletic Club met on Wednesday night at the roller rink for the purpose of electing officers. Among the young men present was N. Harry Knapp, of King street, who met with a most distressing accident. Mr. Knapp, with others, was performing gymnastic feats. He mounted a somewhat rickety step ladder on a platform some four feet high, and then attempted to reach a cross beam, intending to swing all upon it. He felt the ladder going from under his feet and made a leap for the beam. Missing his hold, he fell to the floor, a distance of 15 feet, striking on his hands and face. The fall was a terrible one, and Harry was found to be insensible by those present, who sent for Dr. John Brown, and did all in their power to revive him. In due time the injured man was removed to his home and it is thought that no permanent injuries resulted from the fall. He is at present doing well.

—Hunter's Run, a small oil hamlet in Elk county, furnishes the latest tragedy, which runs about as follows. Sadie Moore, formerly a well known McKean county character, has been conducting a house of ill-repute in the little oil town since last February and her house has been the scene of many brawls. On Tuesday afternoon last a gang of woodsmen gathered at Sadie's dive for the purpose of having a "good time." Whiskey and alcohol flowed freely, and ere long all were pretty drunk. Sadie seeing the drift of things endeavored to quiet her noisy guests and ordered them to leave. They refused to obey her commands whereupon she flourished a revolver and shot at John Johnson, a Swede, who appeared to be leader of the gang, the bullet taking effect in Johnson's groin. She fired another shot which went wide its mark. The victim fell to the floor in a state of unconsciousness, while the woman was disarmed. The wounded man is still alive but will probably die. The woman was arrested and taken to the Ridgway jail.

St. Lukes Church.

Services on Sunday next at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 7:30 p. m.

The evening service will be omitted, owing to the absence of the rector.

For the Monument Independent.

"The Children's Monument Fund" is steadily growing. Since our last publication the following schools have sent in their lists to Chairman Wright. The total amount thus far reported amounts to $11.03. The new donors are:

DUKE CENTER SCHOOLS.

Room No. 1, W. M. Kerr, principal.

Arthur Dana	10	Chas Pickett	10
Arthur Weaver	20	Mattie Cole	15
Eliza Pickett	10	May Lorenz	15
Frank Walker	10	Edna Thompson	20
Cyrus Koones	15	Annie Martin	10
Harvey Crow	10	Maud Hancock	15
Lottie McEwen	10	Maggie Norris	15
Lena Bennett	10	Bert Rogers	15
Chas Mitchell	10	Albert Walker	10
Artie Lemons	10	May McEvoy	15
Millie Craw	10	Florence McCown	15
Walter Mosher	10	Anna Amalong	15
Carrie Wolford	10	Birdie Andrews	10
Roy Shaffer	10	Lillian Harvey	15
Total			$2 10

Room No. 2, Miss Estella Noyes, teacher.

Bertha Low	10	Rollie Pickett	05
James Phillips	10	Fred Lemons	05
Victor Low	10	Ward Cole	05
Mabel Mosher	10	May Hall	01
Willie Koones	10	Fred Hall	05
Eddie Hare	10	Vernon Bennett	05
Mabel Partridge	10	Arthur Mitchell	05
Roy Carter	10	Fannie Feathers	10
Walter Williams	10	Leroy Tracy	05
Rose Crook	10	Florence Irvine	03
Bert Thompson	03		
Total			$1 65

Room No. 3, Miss Fannie Williams, teacher.

Bert Kemp	10	Maud Lorenz	10
Fannie Crow	10	Fred Crow	10
Arthur Little	10	Edith Low	10
John Merwin	10	Dill Moody	10
Total			$0 80

Room No. 4, Miss Fanny Adams, teacher.

Chas Wilson	10	Willie Randall	10
David Wilson	10	Deane Williams	10
James Wilson	10	Olive Moody	10
Jacob Stover	10	Willie Darden	10
Orville McCowan	10	Nellie Burns	10
Ernest Hare	10	George Davis	10
Clyde McMillan	10	Kittie Napier	10
Ernie Kemp	10	Earl Lasher	10
Total			$1 60

EVANS CREEK SCHOOL.

Miss Tilla Slaughter, teacher.

Fred Darden	25	John Douglass	10
Edith Tupps	10	May Chapel	10
Lora Robinson	10	Ed App	10
Minnie [illegible]	10	Emma Prescott	10
George Lilly	25	Merrel Doolittle	10
Hannah Curtis	10	Gertrude Sikes	10
Mabel Moody	10	Gertie Cummings	10
Frank Cort	10	Arden Hartson	10
Carl Litchel	10	Willie Morrison	10
Total			$3 00

NORTH KANE SCHOOL.

Miss Mary Perkins, teacher.

Millie Nutt	10	Frank Lampbell	10
Loddy Pratt	10	Able Foulkrod	10
Alice Vanflora	10	Stella Vanflora	10
Effie Vanflora	10	Oscar Johnson	10
Charles Johnson	10	Ella Johnson	10
Henry Colwell	10	Annie Colwell	10
Johnny Colwell	12	Maud Woolbury	10
Johnny Campbell	10	Anna Anderson	10
Nettie Walford	15	Mary Perkins	20
Total			$3 00

KNOX CITY SCHOOL.

Miss Ella G. Lottov, teacher.

Nellie Cornish	10	Della Smith	10
Edith Smith	10	Bertie Smith	10
Fred Hogan	10	Maggie Hogan	10
Frank Hogan	05	Minnie Jones	10
Phebe Jones	20	Sam Jones	05
James Hogan	25		
Total			$1 25

JO-JO SCHOOL.

Miss Carrie Staremeare, teacher.

Clara Karlson	10	Amel Karlson	10
Theodore Karlson	15	Conrad Karlson	10
Bertha Erickson	10	Elmer Erickson	10
Ida Malmstrom	10	Anna Karlson	10
Jennie Johnson	10	Carrie Staremeare	10
Total			$1 00

Down the River.

Sheriff W. B. Clarke, in company with Landlord F. N. Taylor, started last Tuesday for the Western Penitentiary, having in charge Michael Loftus and Fred Summerville, both of whom were convicted of the larceny of a watch at the Quarter Sessions court last week. Loftus was sentenced on Tuesday, the 12th inst., to pay a fine of $20, costs of prosecution, and imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of three years and six months. Summerville was sentenced to $20 fine, costs of prosecution and imprisonment for one year and four months.

The Court sentenced Marshall Quinn to pay a fine of $50 and costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for four months.

David Pale for keeping a gambling house, was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for 30 days.

Benj Brennan was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for four months.

Minnie Temple, charged with keeping a bawdy house, was sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for four months, a fine of $50 and costs of prosecution.

A Mysterious Case.

The MINER stated in its issue of Dec. 6th that the decomposed body of a man had been lately found near Emporium and that evidences indicated foul play, etc. The Emporium *Press* of last week throws some light upon the matter as follows:

> It has been ascertained that Chris. Drum left Smethport on the 30th of August and arrived the same day in Emporium, on the 1 15 train, W. N. Y. & P. road. He was seen in Cook's hotel in the afternoon by Mr Swope and was then in the company of a young man, a stranger, in the company of a young man, a stranger, in the company of a young man, a stranger, in the company of a young man, a stranger, in the company of a young man, a stranger. This seems to be the last information that can be obtained of the murdered man. Mr Swope did not notice the stranger sufficient to give a description of him, further than he was a smaller man than Drum. Drum had in his possession somewhere in the neighborhood of $100 in money and his gold watch. Peter Drum, brother of the victim, has been here during the past week, but little information of importance has been gathered, and the murder is as much a mystery as ever. It is hoped the coroner's jury will now close their investigation of the case and that the County Commissioners will then offer a liberal reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderers. Every citizen of the county is interested in the matter of ferreting out the perpetrators of the murder, and the good name of the county demands a thorough working up of the case.

Eldred's New School Building.

Through the courtesy of Director A. H. Mayo and Prof. George, we had the pleasure of looking over the new and elegant school building of Eldred borough on Saturday last. It is certainly one of the most commodious, admirably arranged and substantially constructed buildings for school purposes to be found in this section of the State. It is a great credit to the enterprising borough, and will go far towards inducing first-class people to make Eldred their home. The building contains five school rooms, three on the lower and two on the upper floors, one of the upper rooms said to be the largest single school room in the county. It will seat, comfortably, 120 scholars. The building is supplied with Smead's system of heating and ventilation, which is the most perfect system known to architects. The corps of teachers are:

Principal—Prof. T. J. George.
Assistant to Principal—Miss Anna Seibert.
Intermediate—Miss Minnie Caston.
First Primary—Miss Angie Dunbar.
Second Primary—Miss Josie Canfield.
Music—Miss Baldwin.

Eldred's Oil Activity.

The sprightly village of Eldred is enjoying something of an oil boom, and real estate values have a decided upward tendency. There is an active demand for prospective oil property all around the borough. This activity is the result of the late oil developments, the most important of which is the Rice & Co. well, west of the depot and north of the Allegany river. This well, drilled in a day or two ago, is reported all the way from 15 to 30 barrels, but conservative estimates place the daily production at 15 barrels. Rice & Co. are sinking another well still farther in advance of present developements in the same direction. Bradford operators are becoming interested in Eldred's prospective oil field, and are leasing considerable tracts of land on Barden Brook, east of the borough.—*Olean Times.*

Stockholder's Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Smethport Odd Fellow's Hall Association, held at Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., the following directors were elected to serve the ensuing year: H. M. Choate, J. H. Tate, John O. Sonbergh, H. W. Rubin, W. A. McIntosh, Geo. W. King and F. C. Olds. At a meeting of the Directors held after the adjournment of the stockholder's meeting, the following officers were chosen:

President—J. H. Tate.
Secretary—H. M. Choate.
Treasurer—H. W. Rubin.

They Take the Cake.

The heavy bobs manufactured by T. H. Purtle at his shop on Water street, are acknowledged by lumbermen as being the best and most durable sleighs ever sold in Smethport. All seasoned woods in oak and hickory, and made with patent brakes if desired. Call and get his prices before buying elsewhere.

L. W. Mason

Will on account of repairing his store room sell all wood and coal heaters at cost until January 1st, 1890.

BUSY BRADFORD.

New Officers for the B. D. P. A.—The Cantata "Bethlehem"—That Union Depot—Other Notes.

BRADFORD, PA., Dec. 17.—The Bradford Driving Park and Fair Association's list of officers for 1890 contains the names of some of our most progressive citizens, and if the affair does not prove to be a success it will certainly not be for want of good management. The list of officers comprises the following named gentlemen: A. C. Hawkins, president; F. H. Chapman, vice president; C. C. Melvin, treasurer; W. E. Weaver, secretary. The Board of Directors are: A. C. Hawkins, F. H Chapman, C. C. Melvin, W. E. Weaver, L. E. Mallory, L. E. Hempher, J. H. Kleach, C. C. Kimball, H. G. Cutting, James Baylor, C. H. Du Bois, B. A. Dempsey, P. Newell. The readers of the MINER can set the fair and races of 1890 down as a success.

THE CANTATA "BETHLEHEM."

Great preparations are being made to bring out the sacred cantata "Bethlehem" at the Christmas service to be held in the Methodist church next Sunday evening. Some of our best singers will participate in the affair, and Jamison's full orchestra will assist. The musical part of the programme is in charge of the Harringtons, which is guarantee enough that there will be no hitch in carrying that part of the entertainment to a successful issue.

THAT UNION DEPOT.

For the information of the Smethport visitors to the oil metropolis, I will state that the new Union depot has not been built, so they can rest assured that there will be no danger of their losing their bearings, should they visit us, by being confronted by a magnificent brick and stone depot on coming from the train at this station. Blessings sometimes come slow, therefore we live in hopes, even if we do die in despair, that eventually we will have a depot worthy of the importance of the place.

SMALL SHOT.

Who will be our next Mayor? is a mooted question.

Some weighty subjects will be discussed by the Pompelon Club during the winter.

The brick layers are rushing work on C. L. Bradbury's new three story brick block on lower Main street.

The Central hose will hold their first annual ball at Orpheus hall on New Year's eve. A delightful time is assured.

There are several weddings on the tapis for this winter, one of which will rob our public schools of one of its most efficient and accomplished teachers.

A handsome brick block on the site of the recently burned Higgins restaurant, opposite the Union depot, would be a great improvement to that part of the city.

The new Welch block on lower Main street is about ready for occupancy. It is a handsome business block and is a great improvement to that part of that busy thoroughfare.

The brick work on Newell's three story brick block next to the city hall, on Congress street, is about completed. The building adds greatly to the appearance of that handsome street.

Work is being hurried on G. L. Roberts' elegant residence at the corner of Mechanic street and Tibbetts avenue. When completed it will be one of the finest private residences in the city.

The Electric Light Company is nearly ready to turn on the circuit. It is hoped that when they get their plant in thorough working order that the city will be better lighted than it is at the present time.

After a week of unbounded success the Exempt's fair and dance closed on Saturday night last in a blaze of glory. It is safe to say that it was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city.

Our police force has been partially unfortunate of late. Chief McCrea has been carrying his arm in a sling for some time, and now Officer Donahue is laid up with a badly bruised knee, sustained in making an arrest.

The contractors expect to complete the brick work on the new Masonic Temple during the present week. The building will be an imposing edifice, and will reflect much credit on the various Masonic organizations that will find a home in it.

The readers of the MINER who have dealings with W. D. Hart, whose advertisement appears in another column of this paper, will find him and his assistants to be gentlemen of the old school, who study at all times to give honest values and satisfaction in every instance.

The Salvation Army fakers who have been disturbing the peace and quiet of the city for some time past, celebrated the first anniversary of their campaign in Bradford, against the powers of satan, with a grand pow wow at the W. C. T. U. headquarters on the Public square, last Saturday night.

Notwithstanding the fact that Street Commissioner Horrigan has succeeded in getting his name in print on divers occasions, and sometimes in not very complimentary terms, the fact still remains that he has proved to be a most efficient commissioner. I do not apprehend that even his most bitter opponents will deny James this much of praise.

A stranger visiting Bradford any time during the past three months would make affidavit that our city did not indulge in the luxury of paved streets. But you know a coating of six or eight inches of mud is apt to lead one into the error of forming wrong conclusions. Tax payers, however, are at all times ready and willing to testify as to the existence of these marks of municipal enterprise.

MT. ALTON ITEMS.

John Hafner spent a few days in Olean last week and this.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church on Xmas eve.

The Catholic society will give a dance on the 25th. All are cordially invited.

Rev. Bennett has been confined to the house by a severe cold for a few days past.

Mrs. Geo. E. Beaumont has received a piano as a Xmas present from her father.

Mrs. George Walters, of Ritersville, is very low with a severe attack of rheumatism.

C. T. Rosencrance has the contract for building four rigs, two miles north of Alton, for E. J. Straight.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, of Mt. Jewett, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Graff.

Geo. E. Beaumont, our popular postmaster, has returned home after a two week's visit at Pittsburgh.

The I. O. O. F. are fitting up their old hall. The 2d degree will be worked tonight and the initiatory and 3d degree on 28th inst.

Those on the sick list last week are all able to be around with the exception of Mrs. Fraley, and she is improving as fast as could be expected.

MOUNTAINEER.

Terms of Court for 1890.

January—Argument—Tuesday, 7th; Civil List—Monday, 20th.
February—Civil List—Monday, 10th; Regular Term—Monday, 24th.
March—Argument—Tuesday, 11th.
April—Civil List—Monday, 21st.
May—License—Monday, 12th; Argument—Tuesday, 20th.
June—Regular Term—Monday, 2d—9th.
September—Argument—Tuesday, 2d; Civil List—Monday, 15th.
November—Argument—Tuesday, 11th; Civil List—Monday, 17th.
December—Regular Term—Monday, 8th.

Christmas Services at St. Lukes and All Saints.

The Christmas festival service for the children at St. Lukes will be on Christmas Eve, 24th, beginning at 7 p. m. The three choirs of the church will unite in a choral evening, after which an adjournment will be made to the Christmas tree, which will have many handsome gifts this year, made more valuable by the fact that they were worked for the young people by the hands of some of their friends in the parish.

The services on Christmas day, 25th, will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. At All Saints Chapel the Sunday school service will be at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day. The ladies have prepared a large tree which will yield a great variety of good things.

—Stickney, Bell & Co. have just received a stock of the Cortland county creamery butter that gave such exceptional satisfaction last year.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—Read the holiday ads.

—We need more money.

—We need more enterprise.

—We need a board of trade.

—We need more manufacturing.

—Catawba grapes, at E. S. McCarty's.

—Delayed mails.—Cimley and Emlin.

—Have you seen Armstrong's jewelry?

—What are you going to give your girl?

—M. L. Armstrong is selling dolls below cost.

—Great attractions at Mason's in Holiday goods.

—The deer season closed December 15th.

—Sleds at your own price at Armstrongs—unless it snows.

—M. A. Sprague is glad to show goods whether you purchase or not.

—Let's see, boy days come in June, don't they?

—Go to M. L. Armstrongs for silver ware; all goods warranted.

—Buy your overcoats of M. Rosenfield and save 10 per cent.

—A good show is booked for Kittredge opera house in a few weeks.

—Hats and Caps the finest and best stock at M. Rosenfield's.

—New stock of jewelry at Armstrong's—do not fail to see it.

—The small boy will soon be happy. School closes this afternoon for the holidays.

—Everything new and beautiful at M. L. Armstrong's.

—Pocket cuttlery of every description. Razors and strops at E. S. McCarty's.

—Do not forget the "little ones." M. L. Armstrong has just what they want.

—The young man that can't tell the difference between onions and butter has our sympathy.

—Everything from a jumping-jack to a diamond ring at Armstrong's.

—Go to M. Rosenfield's for Underwear. Largest and finest stock in town.

—Everything in the Confectionery line for the Holidays, at E. S. McCarty's.

—You can buy a nice Shaving set for a Xmas gift at H. C. Well's Drug Store.

—The Warren *Mirror* says. "Fire-proof buildings in various parts of the country are developing an unexpected tendency to go blazes."

—Toys of every description and at low prices at Armstrong's. Call and see.

—A fine lot of Sleigh bells, shaft, strap and single at M. A Sprague's at extremely low prices.

—For a nice Plush or Leather Album look at H. C. Well's stock. They are the cheapest in town.

—For fancy and useful Holiday presents, go to Reilly's Furniture and Carpet store, Smethport.

—A contemporary announces that a man "blew out his brains," and adds, "death was instantaneous." The addition was perhaps unnecessary, but it is better to leave no doubt on the subject.

—M. L. Armstrong's line of holiday goods is immense. Presents appropriate for all.

—Don't fail to call at Mason's and buy one of those fine vase lamps, for $2. It will make an elegant Xmas present.

—No better butter made than Cortland county creamery. Stickney, Bell & Co. have it.

—We will astonish you if you call at my store and examine stock and prices, M. Rosenfield.

—The Farmers' and Laborers' Union, the Farmers' National Alliance and the Knights of Labor have formed a confederation for the purpose of obtaining legislation by Congress.

—Boots and Shoes for Men, Ladies and Children all sizes and widths at M. Rosenfield's.

—At Edinboro students enjoy the advantages of excellent instruction and excellent associates.

—Habits of application and thorough work are acquired at the Normal School, Edinboro.

—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World's Fair Legislative Committee in New York it was decided to send no representatives to Washington until the subject of the World's Fair has been taken up by Congress.

—A thing of joy is a beauty for ever. See those fine Vase Lamps at Mason's. Price reduced one-half from last year.

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—The Summer resort on Chautauqua lake, known as Point Chautauqua, has been sold at auction. It will be improved in many ways and made into a first class summer resort.

—For fancy and useful Holiday presents, go to Reilly's Furniture and Carpet store, Smethport.

—If you want a nice toilet case go to H. C. Well's Drug Store in the Grand Central building.

—The handsomest wall paper ever brought to Smethport can be seen at Specht & Sasse's Furniture rooms.

—The linen breeches which Stanley has been wearing on his African march will doubtless be preserved in the British museum. He who pants for fame should become an explorer.—*Binghamton Leader.*

—Holiday Goods at Carter's, Eldred. Fancy rockers, Easels, Pictures, Wall Pockets &c., at remarkably low prices; call and see.

—Florida oranges are coming in now, and are very good. Expect to have a lot from S. V. Geddes's select stock for Christmas, at E. S. McCarty's.

—For those wishing to get anything in the Smokers line cigar holders, pipes and cigar cases. A good assortment to select from. Call on E. S. McCarty.

—The body of the supposed murdered man found in the woods near Emporium some time ago in a decomposed condition, has been identified as that of Chris. Drum, who was in Smethport on the fatal day of August 30th, last.

—If you want pictures framed in the latest styles call at Specht and Sasse's Furniture rooms, Main Street, Smethport.

—There is nothing in existence that will equal Salvation Oil in curing pains in the joints and muscles, or spinal affections. Price 25 cents.

—M. A. Sprague has a fine lot of hanging, stand and vase lamps which he is selling at prices in accord with the times.

—The growing desire for independence in Canada is shown by the fact that a flag of "the United States of Canada" displayed in a shop window in Windsor does not cause any unpleasantness, although ten years ago it would have occasioned a riot.

—M. L. Armstrong has the largest assortment of Silver-ware ever offered in Smethport, and he guarantees price and quality.

—A preacher, who had been annoyed by the incessant "hacking" of members of his congregation, recommended such to try Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

—"A friend indeed," is what people who have been tortured by dyspepsia and been cured by Laxador, insist upon calling this now famous remedy.

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—Carter, the Eldred Furniture dealer and Undertaker, is now showing the finest line of Staple and Fancy furniture ever shown in this country. Prices low and goods delivered free.

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KANE TALK.

There are several very attractive business houses in Kane.

The weather is remarkable. Winter seems to be lingering in the lap of fall.

The new bell of the M. E. Church has the finest tone of any church bell in town.

A new livery in the St. Elmo barn, and it is a much needed want in this place.

Webb Griffith of Ebensburg, Pa., is in town, circulating among his many frinds in Kane.

We noticed the handsome, smiling face of Deputy-Sheriff Grubb on our streets on Monday.

The postoffice has been moved into the Griffith block, and Postmaster Kelts has fine quarters.

N. M. Orr will have, when completed, the finest law office in this region—yes, in McKean county.

Our merchants are striving hard to please their customers. Is it because Christmas is approaching?

Jas. McCurdy, of Kane, an employe at the pump station at East Kane, was badly burned by gas, last Saturday morning.

The Armstrong well, at the north end of Chase street, is showing for a large one. Wait until they get the sand, same as the Emery well at Smethport.

There are more "cranks" among aspirants for postoffices than among any other class, and yet there are some cranks among correspondents too, but not in Kane.

Dr. W. I. Armstrong has moved into his handsome new residence on the corner of Graves and Dawson streets. It compares favorably with any of the most palatial residences in Kane.

John Shea, of Sergeant, Pa., has purchased the St. Elmo Hotel and it will be opened to the public in a few days by Seymour Vance, of Frewsburgh, N. Y. Mr. Vance comes well recommended as a landlord.

The explosion of the nitro-glycerine magazine near Tiona, Warren county, on Sunday morning, awoke the sleeping Kaneites. A few of the timid ones emerged from their houses rather hurriedly and thinly clad.

Johnson's Madison Square Theatre Co. played a solid week's engagement at Griffith's Opera House. They were well patronized and the plays produced gave general satisfaction, except to a few chronic kickers and would be critics.

Mrs. John Bennett, of Clarendon, died of consumption at the home of her mother, in this place, on Friday. She had been ill for a long time. Her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, on Sunday. She left a husband and one child.

F. W. Brayton has moved into Mrs. M. Cressmire's house, and very reluctantly too, because he says it will be quite a walk, in the near future, to the Griffith building. We think not Mr. New Expected Postmaster, some one else will do pedestrian feat next spring.

"Money makes the mare go," is an old proverb, but if you want to see the mare do her level best, invest a few dollars advertising in the McKean County MINER and things will move at a livelier gait in your place of business. If you do, we will give your our guarantee, for all it is worth.

HONEST RUBE.

NOTICE

Of Some Importance to Those Interested.

Monday, Janurary 6th, I will leave my books and all unsettled accounts of 1889 with G. M. Smith for collection.

L. W. MASON.

Look! Look! Look!

To the citizens of Smethport and surrounding country: I respectfully invite you to call and look at my Christmas stock of goods. I can show you a very fine lot of Toilet cases, Comb and Brush cases, Shaving sets, Pocket Books, Purses, Cut Glass Perfumery Bottles, Photograph Albums in leather or plush, Scrap Albums, Smoking sets, Jewel Cases, Work boxes, Picture books for the Children, Vases, Whisk holders, Stationery, Ink Stands, Portfolios, Picture Frames, and in fact everything you can think of to make your Christmas happy. Call and look for yourselves at H. C. Well's Drug Store in the Grand Central block, Smethport, Pa.

A Card.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MINER:

I wish to state through the columns of your paper what the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Watertown, N. Y., and M. N. Allen, their agent, at East Smethport, have done for me.

Some time in January 1889 Mr. Allen wrote me a policy of insurance on my building and contents and made the premium payable April 30, 1889, which I neglected to pay and did not suppose I was insured after that date. On Oct. 19, 1889, my dwelling together with the contents burned, being insured for $325, which I made no claim on the company for, but Mr. Allen and the company adjusted the loss and paid me $162.50 which I consider a present and came at a time when I needed it most. Hoping that Mr. Allen, as well as the company may be successful in their business, I would recommend them to all who may need insurance.

Respectfully,
M. F. CARROLL.

East Smethport, Pa., Dec. 14, 1889.

A New Enterprise.

G. J. Smith has recently erected a mammoth ice house on Mill street in Mechanicsburg, and will store it with the best ice that can be obtained in this section of the country. He will supply all parties in Smethport during the coming summer who see the advantage of saving themselves an immense amount of trouble and expense. Rates will be as low as possible. He will run fine delivery wagons to neighboring towns, and ice will be deliveredin Smethport every day. 47—4t.

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The Experience of an American Sportsman in the Land of Apes and Monkeys—An Astonishing Difference of Opinion Between Two Small People.

Every boy and girl who has watched the whimsical antics of monkeys (and who has not?) will be interested in a short account of how an orang-outang, the largest and most powerful species of the monkey tribe, was killed in the tropical island of Borneo, which, by the way, has been called "the land of apes and monkeys," because it contains no less than fourteen different species of them.

The most striking peculiarity of the orang is its great size, and its general resemblance to man. Its lower limbs are short and stunted, while the arms are prodigiously long and strong, the back broad, the chest deep, the eyes small and evil looking, and the canine teeth well developed. The face is bare, except for a thin growth of hair on the jaws and chin, the skin of a shiny, brownish-black color, darkest on the face and throat. But this animal, which bears so grotesque a resemblance to a low type of human beings, is quite unable to stand erect without supporting himself by planting his knuckles on the ground.

THE ORANG CAME CRASHING DOWN.

Male orangs are much given to fighting, carrying on their warfare in a most unpleasant manner by biting off each other's fingers and toes. An American sportsman who has visited Borneo and had much experience of these animals, has stated that every orang shot by him was mutilated in a most extraordinary manner, some of them having the lower lip bitten off and the face gashed, apparently by the teeth of an adversary, while not one of them had the full number of fingers and toes.

To pursue these animals into their hot and swampy hiding places is both difficult and dangerous, but the gentleman alluded to, having procured a native boat and three men to assist him, proceeded up the Simujon river until he encountered his first orang—a huge fellow whom the keen eyed Malays discovered in a tall tree. On perceiving the unwelcome intruders, the creature withdrew into a thick clump of branches. Presently the eager sportsman saw a big, hairy arm clasping the trunk of the tree, about fifty feet from the ground. At last the orang could restrain his curiosity no longer, but peered round the trunk of the tree and immediately received a bullet in the body, which caused him to start violently and give an angry growl.

At this critical point the oarsmen were enabled to force the boat further forward through the thick fringe of trees, while the orang, swinging slowly and painfully from one tree to another, tried to make an escape. Therefore master and men bounded at once into the water, and, wading up to their necks, followed the creature until an opportunity was gained for a second shot, which ended his career. For three minutes he hung by one hand, facing his pursuers, upon whom he looked with vindictive malice; then the hand relaxed, and with outstretched arms and legs he came crashing heavily down through the branches, and fell into the water with a tremendous splash. This was a giant of his kind, weighing 185 pounds.

Orangs taken alive when young have been trained to be very entertaining pets, to perform many amusing tricks, drink tea and coffee, smoke a pipe and sit at table with great gravity, some of them exhibiting an intelligence startlingly like that of a human being.

The Use of Pockets.

"I can't see the use of a pocket, I'm sure,"
Sighed little Miss Gainsborough Felt,
"My handkerchief's all
That I carry. It's small,
And might just as well go in my belt."
"No one but a girl would make such a remark,"

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

Replied Master Roundabout Straw;
"Now, some might say girls,
With their bangs and their curls,
Were useless! but pockets, oh, pshaw!
I always have seven, and frequently eight—
I wish I had twelve or thirteen!
And to think you don't care
For the one that you wear!
It does certainly seem rather mean!"
—Wide Awake.

The Noble Nature.

It is not growing, like a tree,
In bulk, doth make man better be;
Or standing long an oak, three hundred years,
To fall a log at last, dry, bald and sear:
A lily of a day
Is fairer far, in May,
Although it fall and die that night,—
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see;
And in short measure life may perfect be.

An Automatic Electric Balance.

A novel application of electricity is seen in an automatic balance exhibited at Paris, the invention of Mr. William Snelgrove, of which the action is described by Science as follows: The placing of the object to be weighed in the pan closes an electric circuit. The current along this circuit operates a motor attached to the weight on the beam, causing it to run out on the beam till an equipoise is established, when the circuit is broken. When the pan is cleared, everything returns to the original condition.

The Drumstick.

Behold my rotund wealth of meat,
With all its juices, rich and sweet!
How firm, how solid, are my parts,
And how I go straight to the hearts
Of children, with distended jaws,
In wait to bite me in their maws.

Ah! how I love to lie in state
Upon the table, while you wait
With eager eyes and teeth that burn,
Until it comes to be your turn.
How crisp my skin, and, oh! how brown,
And how I tickle going down;
And, then, my bone, oh! what delight,
To pick it till it's clean and white.

How would you like, on Christmas Day,
To tramp till noon and then, we'll say,
To come back home, well almost starved,
And find me waiting, nicely carved?
Between your finger and your thumb
You hold me up, then (yum, yum, yum!)
I tickle every nerve, I thrill
Your stomach, and I fill the bill,
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Parlor Tables, all woods	1.75	"	9.50
Gentleman's Upholstered Smoking Chairs	10.00	"	20.00
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Ladies' Fancy Chairs	3.00	"	12.00
Ladies Fancy Writing Desks	9.00	"	55.00
Children's Rattan High Chairs	1.75	"	4.50
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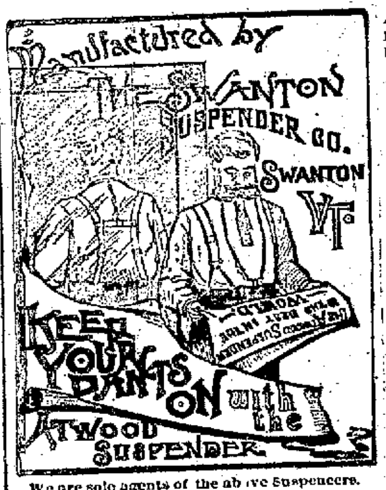

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p.m	a.m.	a.m	STATIONS	a.m.	p.m.	p.m
6 20	11 50	9 05	ar..Bradford..lv	7 50	2 05	5 00
5 45	11 15	8 30	....Kinzua Jn....	8 30	2 50	5 45
5 17	11 05	8 10	....New City....	8 46	3 01	5 54
4 50	10 39	7 58	....Rixford....	9 05	3 22	6 15
4 45	10 34	7 49	Duke Centre	9 10	3 30	6 20
4 25	10 15	7 36	....Eldred....	9 35	4 00	6 40
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3 48	9 36	.....	....Ceres....	10 32	5 02	
3 32	9 17	.....	Little Genesee	10 52	5 18	
3 2.	9 05	.....	Lv..Bolivar..Ar	11 18	6 25	
2 53	8 38	.....	...Allentown...	11 35	5 56	
2 15	8 00	.....	lv Wellsville ar	12 30	6 30	
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m.	
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
6 20	2 10	9 05	ar..Bradford..lv	7 50	10 00	5 00
5 47	1 35	8 30	Kinzua Junct'n	8 30	10 30	5 40
5 32	1 28	8 23	....Aiken....	8 37	10 47	5 52
5 31	1 21	8 16	....Davis....	8 44	10 54	5 58
5 23	1 13	8 08	...Simpson...	8 52	11 04	6 07
5 11	1 01	7 56	....Ormsby....	9 05	11 09	6 19
4 40	12 35	7 25	..Smethport..	9 32	11 35	6 42
4 43	12 15	7 28	..Mt. Jewett..	9 27	11 33	6 47
4 00	10 45	6 45	....Kane....	10 10	1 20	7 25

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WESTWARD.

10:30 a. m.—Erie Mail daily for Erie and all intermediate stations with through Pullman Palace car and through passenger coaches to Erie.

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AR. EASTW'D.		STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D	
PM	P.M.		A.M.	P M
8.34	1.17	Coudersport	8.00	5.00
8.30	1.13	Hammonds	8.04	5.04
8.25	1.08	Fish Basket	8.07	5.08
8.22	1.05	Olmsted	8.12	5.12
8.17	1.00	Nelsons	8.17	5.17
8.09	12.52	Knowlton	8.24	5.26
8.03	12.45	Roulette	8.31	5.34
7.59	12.40	Pomeroy Bridge	8.36	5.39
7.51	12.31	Burtville	8.45	5.48
7.45	12.23	Coleman	8.54	5.51
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ALVIN B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 14, 1889.—6t.